

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-26 (Canceled).

27 (Currently Amended). A method of controlling volume levels in a processor-based system comprising:

in response to a ~~first~~ user input, automatically generating over time, after the cessation of said ~~first~~ user input, a series of sounds of progressively changing volume on a processor-based system;

receiving a ~~second~~ user selection on a remote control; and

using said ~~second~~ user selection to control the volume of sound generated by said processor-based system by determining the volume of the sound of said series of sounds of progressively changing volume when the second user selection was received.

28 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 27 including correlating the time period when the ~~the~~ ~~[[a]]~~ user selection is received to the volume of the sound being generated at the time the user selection was received and recording that volume level as a preset sound level.

29 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 28 including comparing an audio volume level produced by said system to the preset sound level.

30 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 27 wherein automatically generating includes generating sounds of increasing volume.

31 (Currently Amended). An article comprising a medium storing instructions that, if executed, enable a processor-based system to:

in response to a ~~first~~ user input, automatically generate over time, after the cessation of said ~~first~~ user input, a series of sounds of progressively changing volume on a processor-based system;

receive a ~~second~~ user selection on a remote control; and

use said ~~second~~ user selection to control the volume of sound generated by said processor-based system by determining the volume of the sound of said series of sounds of progressively changing volume when the ~~second~~ user selection was received.

32 (Currently Amended). The article of claim 31 further storing instructions that, if executed, enable the processor-based system to correlate the time period when the ~~the~~ ~~[[a]]~~ user selection was received to the volume of the sound being generated at the time the user selection was received and record the volume level as a preset sound level.

33 (Previously Presented). The article of claim 32 further storing instructions that, if executed, enable the processor-based system to compare an audio volume level produced by said system to the preset sound level.

34 (Previously Presented). The article of claim 31 further storing instructions that, if executed, enable the processor-based system to automatically generate sounds of increasing volume.

35 (Currently Amended). A system comprising:
a processor;
a storage coupled to said processor;
a sound generating circuit coupled to said processor;
a remote control unit to receive user inputs and to receive sound generated by said sound generating circuit and to provide information about a user selected sound to said processor; and

software stored on said storage to, in response to a ~~first~~ user input, automatically generate over time, after the cessation of said ~~first~~ user input, a series of sounds of progressively changing volume on a processor-based system, receive a ~~second~~ user selection on a remote control, and use said ~~second~~ user selection to control the volume of sound generated by said processor-based system by determining the volume of the sound of said series of sounds of progressively changing volume when the ~~second~~ user selection was received.

36 (Previously Presented). The system of claim 35, said software to correlate the time period when a user selection is received to a volume of the sound being generated at the time the user selection was received and recording that volume level as a preset sound level.

37 (Previously Presented). The system of claim 36, said software to compare an audio volume level produced by said system to the preset sound level.

38 (Previously Presented). The system of claim 35 wherein said circuit to produce sounds of increasing volume.